

**AMENDMENT**

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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please make the following amendments to the specification:

On page 1, lines 7-10 please replace the paragraph beginning with “The U.S. government has a paid up license...” and ending with “the national Medical Technology Testbed” with the following amended paragraph:

~~“The U.S. government has a paid up license in this invention and the right in limited circumstances to require the patent owner to license others on reasonable terms as provided for by the terms of contract number DAMD17-97-2-7016 which was supported by the National Medical Technology Testbed, Inc. This invention was made with government support under DAMD17-97-2-7016 awarded by the National Medical Technology Testbed sponsored by the Department of the Army. The government has certain rights in the invention.”~~